

## FAMINE FATE OF MEXICANS UNLESS WORLD GIVES AID

Shortage of Corn Throughout Republic Will Make Nation Dependent on Charity, Foreigners Declare.

REPORT OF INVESTIGATORS  
Committee of Americans and Other Aliens Tell of Frightful Conditions.

RESULT OF BANDIT WARFARE

MEXICO CITY, March 25.—(By Courier to El Paso.)—April 3.—A report predicting that Mexico faces a serious situation respecting its food supplies has been made by a committee of Americans and other foreigners here who have been investigating the situation. The report in part is as follows:

"Four years of almost continuous fighting throughout the various parts of the republic has produced a condition of affairs in the food supplies situation so serious as to threaten a famine of such proportions as to necessitate world-wide aid.

**Shortage of Corn.**  
The fact that farm hands have everywhere been thrown into so-called armies, that farm animals have been utilized for like purposes, that leaders of roving bands marching under banners containing fantastic legends about liberty and the rights of man, which they use as a blind to facilitate robbery, pillage and murder, have so reduced the crop acreage that by November, 1915, there will be a shortage of 23,370,000 bushels of corn alone, not to mention the other absolutely necessary cereals, are now well known to those investigating, who have made a careful study of this phase of Mexico's ills.

"That the effects of this wanton destruction are only just beginning to be felt is due to the great productive richness of Mexico's agricultural regions, where, the farmer has but to scratch the soil and drop his seed while God and sunshine do the rest. But self-seeking and self-appointed military leaders have for so long a time prevented the farmers even scratching the soil, so that the crop is almost non-existent. It has now.

**Starvation in Mexico.**  
"Corn is the staff of life in Mexico, as wheat or its products in other countries. The harvest of this cereal for the present should begin about the first of November, that is, eight months from the date of this writing. Upon investigation we find that but five states of Mexico's twenty-seven have a sufficient supply to carry them over this period.

"Oaxaca, Morelos, Campeche, Tabasco and Chiapas probably have enough corn to last them eight months if the strictest economy is employed in using that staple.

"This will take care of a population of 1,700,000. Yucatan with a population of 500,000 produces no corn, but has the money to buy it in the United States. This leaves the rest of Mexico with a population of approximately 12,000,000, with a visible supply of approximately 675,000 tons, enough to last but three months. About next July, then the real pinch of hunger will be felt throughout the length and breadth of Mexico.

**Must Be Bought.**  
"What then will be necessary to relieve the consequent distress and prevent, perhaps, the death of thousands from starvation? In normal times it requires 1,800,000 tons of corn to feed these 12,000,000 over a period of eight months. With the visible supply of 675,000 tons, this leaves a shortage of 1,125,000 tons, or 23,370,000 bushels. This corn must be purchased from the United States. The present market price laid down at points along the northern frontier is 90 cents gold a bushel. If we allow 15 cents gold a bushel for distribution cost throughout the various parts of the republic we have a charge of \$1.05 gold per bushel for distribution cost throughout the various parts of the republic, which will necessitate the expenditure of \$14,317,500 gold to prevent a devastating famine. By that time the purchasing power of the Mexican peso will have dropped to 10 cents gold, so, due to the unconscionable, ignorant and selfish attitude of the military elements of all factions, Mexico will find herself called upon to expend \$14,317,500 pesos to prevent the larger part of her population from starving to death.

"Where is this money to come from? With a bottom paper-scraped treasury (Continued on Page Three, Col. Three.)

## The Weather

Forecast till 1 p. m. Sunday:  
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity—Fair, warmer.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.	Hour.	Deg.
1 a. m.	54	
3 a. m.	56	
5 a. m.	58	
7 a. m.	60	
9 a. m.	62	
11 a. m.	64	
1 p. m.	66	
3 p. m.	68	
5 p. m.	70	
7 p. m.	72	
9 p. m.	74	
11 p. m.	76	

Comparative Local Record.

Year.	High.	Low.
1914	74	52
1913	72	50
1912	70	48
1911	68	46
1910	66	44
1909	64	42
1908	62	40
1907	60	38
1906	58	36
1905	56	34
1904	54	32
1903	52	30
1902	50	28
1901	48	26
1900	46	24

Highest yesterday: 74. Lowest yesterday: 52. Mean temperature: 64. Precipitation: .00. Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal: 4. Normal temperature: 60. Deficiency for the day: 4. Total deficiency for the month: 120. Total rainfall for the month: .00. Excess since March 1: 0. Deficiency for the year: 194. Excess for the year: 1.49 inches. A. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

## Easter Lilies



## APPOMATTOX DAY IS TO BE OBSERVED

Veterans of the Civil War to Meet Friday and Recall Incidents of Lee's Surrender to Grant.

MEETING AT COURT HOUSE

Fifty years of peace between the states, following the civil war, will be memorialized next Friday evening in court room No. 1 in the court house, under the auspices of the Omaha posts of the Grand Army of the Republic. The occasion has been designated as "Appomattox day," and will be observed all over the United States. The commander general of the Grand Army has issued orders. The day will be observed by schools and churches of the nation.

General Grenville M. Dodge of Council Bluffs will preside at the local celebration. A. L. Sutton and Rev. Ulysses G. Brown will be the speakers. Prof. Jones' lyre club will furnish the music, and Rev. T. J. Mackay will offer the invocation. The governor and his staff, officers of the Nebraska National Guard and others will attend the observance here. The program will start at 8 o'clock.

Superintendent Graff of the public schools has sent to his principals instructions to bring to the attention of the children in an interesting and convincing manner the story of the surrender of General Robert E. Lee to General Ulysses S. Grant, which event marked the close of the war between the north and the south. The spirit of Appomattox day will be brought out in the history lessons.

Story of the Surrender.

At the public observance to be held in the court house the speakers will review the tragic events leading up to the fall of Richmond and of the subjugation of the army of northern Carolina by the army of the Potomac. They will relate how Lee met Grant at Appomattox Court House, April 9, 1865, and the story of Grant's magnanimity in his hour of victory will be retold. The stories of Spotsylvania, Cedar Creek, Shenandoah and other battles will be reviewed. These words of Lee will be repeated:

"Men, we have fought through the war together; I have done my best for you; my heart is too full to say more."

The story of the reconstruction will also be told; of how the asterhood of states was restored, and the people of north and south reunited under one flag. Robert Williams, 712 North Thirty-third street, who served during the civil war as captain of company D, One Hundred and Fifty-first New York volunteers, relates this story in connection with the surrender of Lee to General Grant at Appomattox, April 9, 1865.

**Robert Williams Was There.**  
"At daybreak, April 9, the sixth corps charged in front of Fort Fisher and broke the confederate lines, entered their works and swept to the right and left, taking many prisoners. During the day (Continued on Page Four, Column Four.)

## NOT READY TO CALL ELECTION IN OMAHA

Governor Morehead Will Not Issue Proclamation for Merger Vote for Day or Two.

THURSDAY IS THE LAST DAY

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
LINCOLN, April 3.—(Special.)—Governor Morehead will probably not issue a proclamation calling the special election provided in senate file No. 2 for Great Omaha until some time the fore part of next week. The governor is taking time to look into the matter thoroughly and will prepare the proclamation in plenty of time.

Senate file No. 6, the lighting bill, had not reached the executive this morning, so that it is not known what he will do with it. There is little doubt but the official signature will be affixed, though it might not be.

**Thursday Last Day.**  
The legislature adjourns next Thursday officially, but may run until Saturday. The work is being rushed out pretty fast, the senate this morning passing twenty-eight bills. The big appropriations are yet to run the gamut of the upper house with the probability that they will go back to the house for a conference committee.

Little opposition was made in the senate in the morning session on the twenty-eight bills passed, most of them being unimportant.

Among the bills that passed on third reading was house bill No. 8, with senate amendments extending the terms of county officers from two to four years and putting off the next election until after the next presidential election year, which is 1916.

Commissioners Not Included.

The senate amendment does not include county commissioners, who are elected alternately. There was little opposition to the bill and much warm support from the advocates of the short ballot principle. Only four registered against the bill on third reading. They were: Malley of Box Butte, Robertson of Holt, Riden of Knox and Wilson of Dodge.

What the house will do with the bill is a matter of conjecture. The original house bill, by Hoffmeister, merely provided that the county attorney must be 25 years of age. This has been stricken out.

**Two Bills Killed.**  
Practically the whole morning was spent on third reading. However, two house bills were killed on the recommendation of standing committees. One of them provided for the nonpartisan election of county and state superintendents and the other than no candidate beaten at the primaries may run later by petition. A senate bill to this effect was passed earlier in the session.

**Washington Appointments.**  
WASHINGTON, April 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Miss Regina E. Macdonald of Omaha has been appointed a clerk in the treasury department.

John Down of Fremont county, Wyoming, has been appointed a surveyor in the land office field service.

## RRITES FOR CANADA IN ELKS' ROOMS

Body to Lie in State and Services to Be Held This Afternoon.

BURIAL WILL BE ON MONDAY

Arrangements for the funeral of the late William T. Canada, who died at St. Catherine's hospital early Saturday morning, will not be completed until the arrival in Omaha of William F. Canada, his son, who is expected to come from Chicago Sunday morning.

The burial will take place Monday, and it is thought that Nebraska City will be the last resting place of the old pioneer.

Pallbearers have been named as follows: M. R. Murphy, N. R. Denny, M. N. Plinn, Ed. Benton, Council Bluffs; L. Blendorff, W. F. Thomas, Frank Chittenden and Dan B. Butler.

In the event that the body is sent to Nebraska City for burial, a committee composed of the following will accompany: F. J. McShane, sr.; L. Blendorff and G. W. Shields. The Nebraska City Elks lodge will in all probability take a prominent part in the ceremonies.

Services will be held in the local Elks lodge room at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The body of Mr. Canada is at the Healey & Healey undertaking parlors, but it will be carried to the Elks' quarters Sunday, where it will lie in state until the hour set for the services. The Elks' male chorus of twenty voices will sing and Frank T. Ransom will offer the eulogy. Following the services at the Elks' rooms, the body will be taken back to the undertaking establishment, where it will remain until the funeral, Monday.

**Born in Kentucky.**  
William T. Canada was born on a Kentucky farm, near Smithland, seventy years ago, having come from colonial stock that fought for American liberty during the revolutionary war. His grandfather and his father's side was a close personal friend of Daniel Boone and devoted much of his life to tanning the wilderness. Even when William T. Canada was born, the country around Smithland was new and the boy was deprived of the advantages of education except such as the country schools, which were none too good, afforded.

**Early Life on Farm.**  
Young Canada attended school in winter and worked on the farm summers until he was 14 years of age. Then he evinced a great liking for horses and on the Kentucky tracks for some years following jockeyed numerous horses to victory. Subsequently he worked in a store and along in 1860, when the war raged the north and south, he cast his lot with the south, where he had always lived, enlisting as a private in the Third Kentucky regiment of volunteers, serving three years and having in the meantime been promoted to the position of first lieutenant.

**Turned Toward the North.**  
The war left the old Kentucky home denuded of everything of value, and realizing that the recuperation was going to be slow, young Canada turned his face (Continued on Page Four, Column Three.)

## BULGARS INVADE SERBIA, SWEEPING BY BORDER GUARD

Irregulars Capture Some Towns and Fighting Reported Along Boundary of the Two Countries.

LOSSES ASSERTED SERIOUS

Austria Is Making Preparations to Surround and Cut Off Montenegro from World.

HUNDRED THOUSAND ENGAGED

PARIS, April 3.—Hostilities between Serbian troops and Bulgarian irregulars have broken out along the border. An official statement, issued at Nish, Serbia, as forwarded to the Havas agency, says that the Bulgarians overwhelmed the Serbian frontier guards and occupied Serbian territory.

The statement follows:

"Last night about 2 p. m. Bulgarian irregulars wearing military uniforms attacked in large numbers our outposts at Valandovo. Our frontier guards, overwhelmed by superior numbers, were forced to give ground and retreated in the direction of the railway station at Strumitsa."

Hold All Heights.

"At 5 a. m. the Bulgarians occupied all the heights on the left bank of the Vardar. The losses on both sides were serious."

"Wounded soldiers state that the Bulgarian bands maneuvered and fought under the direction of Bulgarian officers. The number of troops engaged was slightly more than a regiment."

"Neighboring frontier posts immediately sent reinforcements. The result of the battle is still unknown and details are lacking."

Efforts of Austria.

ROME, April 3.—(Via Paris.)—Dispatches received here from Cetinje, the capital of Montenegro, indicate that Austria-Hungary is endeavoring to cut off Montenegro from all communication with the outside world and thus starve it.

The dual monarchy is described as surrounding this small state with overwhelming forces of Croats on the mountains, in addition to a garrison of 40,000 men at Cattaro, which prevents any communication with Herzegovina and the Adriatic.

Against about 100,000 Austrians, Montenegro can oppose only 15,000 men with limited artillery. Something like 70,000 people from villages in Bosnia burned by Austrian troops have taken refuge in Montenegro.

Prinz Eitel Is Still in Harbor

Rumors that Raider Had Slipped Out of Newport News Under Cover of Storm Untrue.

WIRES ALONG COAST ARE DOWN

WASHINGTON, April 3.—A whirling gale and snow storm which enveloped the Virginia capes last night and today did not tempt the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich to make a dash for the sea through the cordon of hostile cruisers outside, and at a late hour today an official government dispatch from Hampton Roads said the German raider still was moored to its wharf.

Start Crop of Rumors.

The storm which drew the curtain of secrecy over the Prinz Eitel for a few hours by destroying all means of communication with the Hampton Roads district, have wireless started a crop of rumors saying the German cruiser had dashed behind the curtain of snowflakes and past the watchdogs at the entrance to Chesapeake bay.

The governmental agency got in touch with Newport News, Va., and established a report that the Prinz Eitel had attempted no new daring exploit.

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## Lusitania, With Big Passenger List, is Delayed by Storm

NEW YORK, April 3.—The liner Lusitania, due to sail at 10 o'clock today for Liverpool, was held up at its dock by thick weather and a heavy snow storm. Its officers said it would be held so long as the storm lasted—till tomorrow if necessary.

Aboard the Lusitania were 530 passengers, the largest since the war began. Among them were Richard Croker and his bride, and Mrs. Lalla Vandervelde, wife of the Belgian minister of state, who has collected nearly \$50,000 here for the relief of Belgium.

Captain Turner expected two fast British destroyers would meet the Lusitania near the Irish coast and convey the steamship to Liverpool, where it is due to arrive on Friday. Care had been taken that no suspected persons should be allowed on board, and it was stated that a sharp lookout would be kept for submarines when the steamer approached the British coast.

## Contest for Rock Island Control Takes On Another Phase

NEW YORK, April 3.—The contest for control of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad company assumed a new phase today when the proxy committee made known the names of the following stockholders to be voted for as directors at the annual meeting on April 13:

"W. E. Minn, Roosevelt, capitalist, railroad and bank director; William J. Timothy, S. Williams, president of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company; and Charles Hayden, senior partner of Hayden, Stone & Co., bankers, of this city and Boston."

In making these selections, the committee states that it has been actuated solely by a desire to procure for the stockholders the benefit of the advice and services of gentlemen of high standing and wide experience.

## Widow of Slain Man Admits Complicity

PAOLA, Kan., April 3.—Mrs. Maude McElheney, widow of George R. McElheney, postmaster at Paola, Kan., was cross-examined today at the preliminary hearing of Horace Hornbaker, a rural mail carrier, who is held in connection with the murder of McElheney. The postmaster was shot to death in his home in Paola in October, 1912. Mrs. McElheney testified that her relations with Hornbaker, both before and after her husband's death, were improper, that Hornbaker several times proposed that he trade wives with McElheney and that on one occasion he urged her to put poison in her husband's food.

## UNIFORM SALES BILL GETS JUST THE REQUIRED VOTE

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
LINCOLN, April 3.—(Special.)—Representative Hunter's bill, H. R. 74, for the uniform sales law recommended by the American Bar association, passed the house by the skin of its teeth Friday afternoon. The speaker first announced that it had failed to pass, but it was found that two or three members had changed their votes and this gave the bill just the needed number, fifty-one, while thirty-one were cast in the negative.

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